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Minister stays after secret nuclear file slip

DOCUMENTS Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the resignation of Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt yesterday after a binder containing confidential nuclear documents was left in a television studio.

The documents were left in a CTV studio after a visit by Raitt and at least one other official. CTV said it had kept the documents for six days to see if anybody would try to retrieve them, and no one did.

"This is a serious matter. Clear procedures were not followed in this case. Corrective action has been taken," Raitt told Parliament. "I offered to resign if the prime minister felt it necessary. He did not accept it. The person responsible for handling the documents offered their resignation, and I did accept it." REUTERS

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Paris Grim anniversary

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French gendarmes block a demonstration organized by the press freedom activist group Reporters Sans Frontieres (Reporters Without Borders) in Paris yesterday to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing. Story, pg 5

New proposals for payday loans

MONEY Payday loan users can expect to pay no more than $23 for every $100 they borrow under new rules proposed by Alberta's government.

"What is chosen today is ultimately for the consumers," said Service Minister Heather Klimchuk after unveiling the new plan in the legislature.

The average payday loan company would charge $30 for every $100 borrowed, according to a consultation report from the government.

Stan Keyes, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association, says the new cap would separate the good companies from the "irresponsible" ones.

"There is no doubt that many businesses will have to change their business practices," said Keyes.

Payday loan companies must also offer two-day cooling off periods to consumers who want to return money without any costs and all payday loan businesses must be licensed by the province.

The new rules that come into effect on Sept. 1 would also put an end to "rollover" loans — or paying off an old payday loan with another loan. Rulebreakers could pay fines as high as $100,000 or face up to two years in jail, warned Klimchuk. JEFF CUMMINGS/ METRO EDMONTON

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Teens fled home, say Mounties

Suspects in murder case wards of province: RCMP

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A pair of 14-year-old boys charged in the slayings of two people found dead Monday morning were wards of the province who escaped from an isolated rural group home, police said yesterday.

Strathcona County RCMP Cpl. Darren Anderson said that while officers are often forced to search for AWOL youth from Bosco Homes' 120-acre property, the situation is "extreme" and "isolated."

Police have identified the victims as 68-year-old Barry Boenke and 50-year-old Susan Trudel. The cause of death has not yet been released. Anderson said police are confident the victims were not directly targeted.

"It's completely random," he said yesterday.

In the days before their current incarcerations, the boys were arrested for and charged for vandalizing the New Horizons School in Ardrossan. They were released to staff at Bosco, and placed under a 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. curfew.

The boys vanished the next day while playing outside. Gus Rozycki, Bosco Homes' executive director, said a staff member was present at the time of their disappearance, and police were called within 20 minutes.

"Kids don't telegraph that they're going to do that kind of thing," he said.

> **"Kids don't telegraph that they're going to do that kind of thing."**
> Gus Rozycki, Bosco Homes

The staff-to-child ratio at the ranch-like property is one to three, he added. The facility was fully staffed when the boys disappeared.

Children's Services Minister Janis Tarchuk said proper protocol was followed after the boys disappeared.

"There was no indication that either of these youth were at risk to themselves or others," she said.

Bosco's property is nine kilometres away from the location the bodies were discovered.

One of the boys stands charged with two counts of first-degree murder, the other, with two counts of accessory after the fact. They are both scheduled to appear in court June 9.

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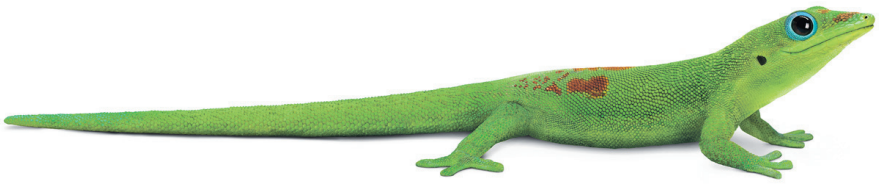

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Home for formerly homeless opens up

A residence for formerly homeless Edmontonians opened its doors yesterday. Six dual-diagnosed mentally ill people will move in to Lauderdale House, a north-side home built to get them off the streets, and into a home where they will received around-the-clock care. METRO EDMONTON

Local

U of A honours Aga Khan, 11 others

A former UN high commissioner for human rights, a clinical geneticist known for his work on Huntington's disease, a spiritual leader and a Canadian Inuit political leader are among 12 recipients of an honorary degree from the University of Alberta. Former commissioner Louise Arbour, Dr. Michael Hayden, the Aga Khan, left, and Sheila Watt-Cloutier will be among the 12 receiving honorary degrees during the university's convocation ceremonies this week.

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City plans bar/pub association

Committee wants to form group of drinking establishment owners

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The city will be developing a plan that could see an association of Edmonton bar and pub owners govern themselves despite strong opposition from Mayor Stephen Mandel and the hotel industry.

The city's transportation committee told administration to come up with a plan that could see a new group set standards for licensed drinking establishments in Edmonton — a move that's being lauded as a way to clean up the industry's image.

The new association would set new rules and programs for drinking establishments that could address nightclub security and training employees, says city administration.

Administration told council that the plan could also include forcing licensed businesses to pay $280 annually in surcharges. The move would create an annual fund of $250,000 for the new association that could be spent on staff and services, said administration.

But Mandel said bar owners should be the ones to create the group, not the city.

"We're not doing it for the steel industry, we're not doing it for the grocery store business, or the clothing business," said Mandel during the meeting yesterday.

"It's the responsibility for the business to do that — it is our responsibility to ensure our business licences and bylaws are enforced."

Mandel, who called the plan ridiculous, said the move could hurt "ma and pa" establishments and it could create backlash from the industry.

"We understand it is going to start at $280, but what's to stop it from becoming a sustainable stream of revenue for the city," said Thomas Barknowitz, a general manager of Rosslyn Inn and Suites, during the meeting in city hall yesterday.

But bar owners and business association representatives urged the committee to follow up on the plan and Coun. Don Iveson said it's a step in the right direction.

"What this can represent is industry leadership and a bottom-up approach, ultimately, as opposed to a top-down approach," said Iveson.

Two new judges appointed

LAW Minister of Justice and Attorney General Alison Redford announced the appointment of two new judges to the provincial court yesterday.

"I congratulate these two individuals on their appointments," she said.

Diane Young has been appointed to civil provincial court in Edmonton, effective June 12 and Todd LaRochelle to Calgary family and youth provincial court, effective June 22.

The Alberta Judicial Council screens all candidates for provincial court appointments and forwards a list of recommended applicants to a committee, which then interviews candidates and recommends them for the minister of justice.

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Man might face robbery charges

CRIME RCMP consider laying charges of attempted robbery against a 23-year-old man from Edmonton after he allegedly walked into a store in Bonnyville yesterday morning with a knife. RCMP received a complaint yesterday that a knife-wielding man attempted to rob the Kehewin General Store located on the Kehewin Cree Nations.

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10-year-old takes minister's job for a day

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STUDENTS You didn't have to be older or have a university degree to be a cabinet minister in Alberta yesterday.

This was the case for 10-year-old Georgia Turcott of Canmore, who is this year's winner of the Alberta Environment's Minister for the Day competition, a program that engages Grade 5 students from across the province on environmental issues.

For Georgia, the honour of being a minister for the Day required her to understand the role first before truly enjoying the moment.

"My goal today was kind of to learn what it's like to be a minister," she said at the legislature, where Environment Minister Rob Renner and 11 other finalists from across Alberta shared their thoughts for a green Alberta.

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Minister for a Day, Georgia Turcott, 10, from Canmore, falls into the role with the guidance from Environment Minister Rob Renner yesterday at the Alberta legislature.

"It's really exciting," she said.

Since 2000, the program has been held annually during Environment Week, which runs this year from May 31 to June 6.

To compete in the program students submit essays detailing their own thoughts about how the government can protect the environment.

Georgia's winning statement dealt with the impacts of climate change on mountain snowpack and available water supply.

The students asked Renner what the government was doing to reduce pollution, why Alberta still sells toxic products and the steps he was taking personally to minimize the impact of emissions.

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Google engineer creates map for fallen soldiers
A Google Earth engineer has included Canadians in his "map of the fallen," which allows browsers to connect a soldier's hometown to where they died. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

Health insurers invest in tobacco: Report

Canadian and U.S. health insurance companies — including Toronto's Sun Life Financial Inc. — have more than $3 billion invested in the tobacco industry, a letter published today in the New England Journal of Medicine charges. By refusing to quit their addiction to those lethal and seemingly self-injurious cigarette profits, the insurers lose any moral right to help set health policy in either country, the letter's Harvard University authors argue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raitt staffer takes the fall

Opposition blasts decision to fire 26-year-old press secretary

Jasmine MacDonnell stood outside a popular steak house a couple of blocks from Parliament Hill, having just learned she had made a huge error.

Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt, or one of her aides, had forgotten a binder full of sensitive government documents concerning Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. and the troubled Chalk River, Ont., reactor at the CTV Ottawa bureau last week.

The network waited until Tuesday night, six days later, to break the story and the 26-year-old MacDonnell's phone started ringing about 15 minutes after it aired.

MacDonnell was Raitt's press secretary. She was the aide who left those documents behind. She paid for it with her job. Her boss did not.

MacDonnell could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Opposition critics yesterday attacked Prime Minister Stephen Harper for sparing rising-star Raitt — and letting a junior staffer take the fall instead.

"I don't like people blaming 26-year-olds," Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said.

Other ministerial communications staffers on Parliament Hill — including one who described MacDonnell as "competent" with a "very sunny disposition" — said she left quietly yesterday.

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CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt prepares to speak in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the resignation of Raitt yesterday after a binder containing confidential nuclear documents was left in a television studio.

Tourist killing raises worries for journalist

LINDHOUT Few cut as glamorous a figure as the freelance journalist in a conflict zone, especially when she is a long-legged beauty.

Laptop computer, digital cameras and colourful head scarves in tow, she cinematically charms her way through police checkpoints and border crossings to report on war and humanitarian disaster.

The description fits Amanda Lindhout, Canada's forgotten hostage in Africa.

The killing yesterday of British tourist Edwin Dyer in the West African country of Mali, by an al-Qaida wing, brings her wrenching ordeal to mind.

So does the image last week of Lindhout begging for her life in a five-minute phone interview with Agence France-Presse in Paris.

Lindhout was 27 years old at her capture. She grew up in Sylvan Lake, Alta., just outside Red Deer.

On Aug. 20, 2008 she arrived with 37-year-old Australian photographer Nigel Brennan in Mogadishu, Somalia, one of the world's most lawless places.

Three days later, Aug. 23, Lindhout and Brennan were kidnapped by bandits 20 kilometres away at Afgoye, a shantytown for people displaced by fighting.

Their condition appears to be deteriorating.

In February, word of a failed escape attempt reached Journalists Without Borders.

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RCMP casts shadow over evidence

OLIPHANT The RCMP has no records to support Brian Mulroney's evidence that officers escorted him to at least one meeting where he received cash payments from German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber.

"There are no RCMP records available to show that RCMP officers accompanied Mr. Mulroney in a couple of instances," said inquiry counsel Evan Roitenberg, adding the information was not meant "to challenge in any way Mr. Mulroney's assertion that RCMP officers accompanied him."

Request

- Commission counsel had requested all documents or records of officers involved in accompanying Brian Mulroney on several dates.

At one point during his six days on the stand before the inquiry, Mulroney even appeared to joke he was in good hands when he received a $75,000 cash payment at a hotel near Mirabel Airport on Aug. 27, 1993 — the first of three cash payments — and was driven by the RCMP back to a nearby cottage, which was the family's temporary home at the time.

"The RCMP made every effort, and conducted diligent searches, to locate all relevant documents and identify all RCMP members who accompanied or provided security for Mr. Mulroney on the dates (provided by the inquiry) … (but) the RCMP has no surviving record of receiving a request for, or of providing protective services for Mr. Mulroney, " said the statement. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

War vets chide image focus

MILITARY Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen who have retired are complaining the dirty work of war is losing ground to a force obsessed with image, political correctness and the kind of inclusiveness one might expect to find in the most corporations.

A sampling of the questionnaires that are completed by all retiring members of the military were obtained by TorStar under the Access to Information Act.

Retirees were asked why they decided to leave the military. The main reason behind a soldier's decision to find new work has been family.

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Shareholders to vote on Suncor

ENERGY Suncor Energy Inc's acquisition of Petro-Canada will create a company with enough heft to keep a lid on oilsands costs, slow development in the region, and check the spiraling inflation that, just months ago, threatened to sideline the resource, experts say.

Shareholders of both companies are set to vote today on Suncor's offer of 1.28 shares for each Petro-Canada share.

The value of that offer has climbed 20 per cent since when the bid was launched in March. REUTERS

News in brief

INVESTIGATION The hunt for the gold is on. The missing gold, that is. The world-renowned Royal Canadian Mint has called investigators to look into what could be the theft of a significant quantity of gold, silver and other precious metals.

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Lower drinking ages linked to pregnancy complications: Report

Researchers found that in the 1970s and 1980s, when U.S. states varied their minimum drinking ages, there was a higher risk of premature birth among women younger than 21. REUTERS 5

World

Tough words for China

The United States demanded yesterday that China account for those killed in the Tiananmen Square protests in rare public criticism ahead of the 20th anniversary of the government crackdown on the demonstrations.

One day before the anniversary, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also called on China to release all those still imprisoned in connection with the pro-democracy protests, to stop harassing those who took part in them and to begin a dialogue with the victims' families. The demands, issued in a written statement from Clinton, reflect views Washington has long held but represent a tougher stance on China's human rights record than the top U.S. diplomat had taken in her first four months in the job.

"A China that has made enormous progress economically and is emerging to take its rightful place in global leadership should examine openly the darker events of its past and provide a public accounting of those killed, detained or missing, both to learn and to heal," Clinton said in the statement.

Tanks rolled into Tiananmen Square before dawn on June 4, 1989, to crush weeks of student and worker protests.

The ruling Communist Party, which has never released a death toll, fears commemoration could challenge its power. REUTERS

Heavy presence

- Chinese security forces blanketed Tiananmen Square before today's 20th anniversary of the June 4 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, and a day after Twitter and other Internet services in China were blocked. Black police vans lurked at the side of the Forbidden City, near the square, while police and paramilitary forces patrolled through crowds of tourists.

France **Passengers remembered**

BOB EDME/REUTERS

Paris Archbishop Andre Vingt-Trois, right, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, middle, and first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy leave the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris after a service yesterday for relatives and families of the passengers of Air France Flight 447.

Cuba rejects OAS invitation

CUBA The Organization of American States lifted its 47-year suspension of Cuba yesterday in a move backed by Washington, but Cuban state-run TV said Havana had no interest in rejoining the group. "Cuba has not asked for nor does it wish to return to the OAS, which is steeped in a submissive and shady history," said anchorman Randy Alonso. There was no immediate reaction from officials of Cuba's communist-run government. But former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said in April that Cuba had no desire to rejoin the OAS. REUTERS

News in brief

TERROR Four men accused of trying to blow up a pair of New York synagogues and shoot down military planes pleaded not guilty yesterday to the charges in a U.S. court. REUTERS

Obama to make case to Muslim world

U.S. President Barack Obama plans to tell Arabs and Israelis to stop saying one thing in public and another in private when he speaks to the Muslim world in Cairo today. In an interview with the the New York Times published yesterday, Obama suggested parties to the conflict were engaged in a constant "Kabuki dance."

A key part of his message, Obama said, would be: "Stop saying one thing behind closed doors and saying something else publicly." Many Israelis recognize a need to make tough choices on Jewish settlements, many Palestinians recognize a need to stop incitement against Israel and be more constructive, and many Arab states view the threat of a nuclear Iran as greater than any threat from Israel — but none would say these things publicly, he said. REUTERS

Bin Laden tape

- Osama bin Laden threatened Americans in a tape recording aired yesterday, saying U.S. President Barack Obama has inflamed hatred toward the U.S. by ordering Pakistan to crack down on militants in Swat Valley. The message was broadcast on Al-Jazeera Television as Obama arrived in Saudi Arabia. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Prejudice at the altar

Banning same-sex marriage a shame on the U.S.

Relating

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Frustration has been rainbow-coloured since the California Supreme Court ruled on Prop 8, upholding the ban on same-sex marriage in the Golden State.

The announcement, made last Tuesday, means the roughly 18,000 couples who married in the short window they were legally able — from mid-June to early November 2008 — will not be affected. Other same-sex couples who want to swap rings from here on out, however, are SOL.

It's a little disheartening that in an era of change and renewed optimism such prejudice is still legally enforced, no?

Here in Canada, same-sex marriage was legalized province-by-province since 2003, until it was recognized nationwide two years later. It is currently legal in six other countries and is expected to be legal in six U.S. states by the end of the year.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, cyborg assassin from the future and a longtime Republican who upheld the court's decision, conceded that one day "either the people or courts will recognize gay marriage." Even former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney, another killer automaton, voiced his support.

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"I think that freedom means freedom for everyone," Cheney said at the National Press Club earlier this week, echoing statements he made in 2004. "I think people ought to be free to enter into any kind of union they wish, any kind of arrangement they wish."

Some opponents say it hinders procreation and tarnishes the sanctity of marriage, but people in "traditional" marriages aren't required to have kids and us straight folks have been ruining the sanctity of marriage for as long as marriages have existed.

Some states offer domestic partnerships and civil unions — a major step in the right direction — but stopping there is akin to the "separate but equal" doctrine under the Jim Crow laws of the late 1800s and early 1900s that had blacks drinking from separate water fountains than whites.

Slavery was legal in the U.S. just 150 years ago, some women couldn't vote just 100 years ago and the reality of a black president seemed far away just two years ago. It is my belief that we will one day look back on the banning of same-sex marriage — perhaps the last legally enforced prejudice in North America — with the same humility and quiet shame.

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Views

What governments should be doing

InBusiness

Charles Davies

Bailout Series

(Editor's note: This is the final part of Charles Davies' series on financial bailouts.)

The two previous columns in this series have talked about what government shouldn't be doing — bailing out corporate failures and becoming active participants in the private sector. But what is government's proper role in the economy?

To take a spin through Economics 101, government is there to define the ground rules of commerce through laws and regulations. It regulates economic activity by using fiscal policy (taxing and spending) and monetary policy (interest rates and other credit controls). It also monitors and regulates Canadian international business interests by making and enforcing trade agreements.

Government rightly provides a social safety net in the form of employment insurance, public pensions and other supplements based on age and/or circumstances. In a recession, government is obliged to use its resources — our tax dollars — to help out.

It's best prepared to do this by running budget surpluses in good times, building up a reserve that can be used in hard times when it may be necessary to run a deficit. Mostly, this doesn't happen because governments tend to make economic decisions for political reasons.

One way the Harper Conservatives managed to turn a surplus into a record $50-billion deficit in a blink of Jim Flaherty's eye is they cut the GST before the recession to appeal to voters, forfeiting revenues that would be helpful right about now.

It's perfectly reasonable to spend tax dollars to provide assistance to individuals (in the form of extended benefits) and companies in general (tax measures) in a recession. Public works spending on infrastructure or research and development that benefits the economy in general is also useful.

It's also fitting that governments provide support to key industries — i.e. aerospace and forest products, to name two — so they can compete internationally on an equal footing with foreign companies that have equivalent support from their governments. The critical distinction here is that government should not be in the business of shielding uncompetitive and/or dying companies like GM or Chrysler from market realities.

Otherwise, government is there to be the honest broker or economic referee — providing clear, fair and consistently applied business regulation and enforcement, tax policies and broad-based incentives.

In short, its job is to level the playing field so everyone — companies as well as individuals — gets a fair shake.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Worth mentioning

Spurned suitor offers ring in treasure hunt

A New Zealand man, spurned by the woman of his dreams, has come up with a novel way of disposing of the diamond engagement ring he bought her — a treasure hunt.

Anyone keen to pick up the ring, valued at $3,268 US, will need to be in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, Saturday to join the hunt, the Dominion Post newspaper reported.

"I met this girl I thought was pretty cool, bought a ring. Turns out she wasn't as keen," Anthony Gardiner, a 29-year-old call-centre worker, told the Dominion Post.

Clues to the ring's whereabouts will start being posted on social networking site Twitter at 8 a.m. New Zealand time Saturday.

Having bought the ring in Hong Kong, he couldn't return it, and didn't want to sell it, so he hit upon the treasure hunt.

Hanging on to it in the hopes of finding a willing recipient is also not an option.

"Obviously, it's been a pretty unlucky ring for me," Gardiner said, adding he hoped it would be found by somebody who has "found a cool chick and who wants to give them something they normally wouldn't be able to afford." REUTERS

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Gates encourages rich to give away wealth
Microsoft founder Bill Gates said yesterday that billionaires ought to give away most of their wealth to charitable causes, and that they would even find they enjoy it. Gates has given much of his wealth to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a philanthropic powerhouse. REUTERS

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Office space costs drop

PROPERTY A depressed global economy that has seen commercial rents fall dramatically in most major cities has knocked perennial front-runner London out of the top spot among the most expensive places to set up an office.

But Toronto and Calgary remain in the global top 50 because Canada has been relatively healthy compared to other financial centres, according to a report by CB Richard Ellis released yesterday.

Toronto is the 46th most expensive place to rent top-quality office space, up one spot from last year, with average rents of $51.82 US per square foot. Calgary moved up three spots to 39th, with average costs per square foot of $54.57.

"It's not that Calgary and Toronto did all that great; it's that other world markets have taken a bashing," said John O'Bryan, vice-chairman of CB Richard Ellis. "We took one step back but the rest of the world took five."

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No. 1

- The No. 1 holder, London's West End, was knocked off this year by Tokyo's central district.

TD traders probed for market rumours

INVESTIGATION Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday that it was looking into allegations that a handful of traders improperly passed on rumours to clients about a stock, believed to be oilsands company OPTI Canada.

While TD declined to disclose any details about the investigation reported by the Globe and Mail, a spokeswoman said the company knew about the incident.

The Globe, citing sources, said an analyst at TD emailed a market rumour to the firm's sales and trading desk in New York, which then passed it to some institutional sources.

The practice has come under scrutiny as U.S. regulators crack down on gossip that causes stock gyrations. REUTERS

Trade backlash feared

'Buy Canadian' reaction may hurt Canada: MP

The Canadian government is worried that towns and cities could start introducing "Buy Canadian" policies in response to increased U.S. protectionism, Trade Minister Stockwell Day said yesterday.

A "Buy American" provision in the U.S. economic stimulus package passed by Congress in February says public works projects should use iron, steel and other goods made in the United States.

Ottawa says Canadian companies are being discriminated against by U.S. state and municipal governments on some water and sewage treatment projects funded by the bill.

Day said the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which is due to hold its annual general meeting from tomorrow to June 8, would discuss a proposal to shut out companies from nations that impose trade restrictions on Canadian firms.

"I understand that reaction. I'm also very concerned about that reaction," Day said in a speech, adding that both countries would be hurt by increased protectionism.

Canada sends about 75 per cent of all its exports to the United States and could be economically crippled by a serious wave of U.S. protectionism.

"If one country starts to build protectionist barriers that hurt businesses in another country, there will be an impulse to retaliate, and I would like to see this resolved at the executive level in the United States," Day later told reporters.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in Quebec that the "Buy American" policies of certain state and local governments were "really problematic (and) is part of the increasing protectionism ... that we must avoid to ensure a global recovery." REUTERS

Media response

- The New York Times said yesterday in its lead editorial that the "Buy American" clause was "a terrible idea" that could ultimately cost U.S. jobs.

Bombardier Profits shrink

CHRISTINE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Bombardier Inc.'s Laurent Beaudoin, chairman of the board of directors, and his son Pierre Beaudoin, president and CEO, speak at the firm's annual general meeting in Montreal yesterday. Bombardier said yesterday it earned $158 million US during the first quarter ended April 30, down from profits of $229 million a year earlier.

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A hen and her ducklings.

Clippings

Have pond, ducks will travel

FAUNA The Mallard Duck: Very common throughout Canada, and the most likely duck to be attracted to large, natural ponds or slow-moving rivers near gardens is the mallard (Anas platyrhynchos). The diet of these 58-centimetre-long dabbling ducks — which "tip up," dunking their heads beneath the water to reach food sources in deeper water — consists of aquatic plants, seeds, insects and snails, although they'll readily accept duck food available at most pet food stores. Hens are mottled and brownish, while the drakes have an iridescent green head, yellow bill and greyish body. Numerous eggs are laid in nests among dense vegetation close to a water source.

–ANDREW MCLACHLAN

Rose convention

BEST IN SHOW The 2009 World Rose Convention is being held in Vancouver from June 18 to 24. Visit worldrosefestival.com for more. CANADIAN GARDENING

Gardening experts pick their fave rose

Q What's your favourite rose and why?

Des Kennedy | Denman Island, B.C. • Author

Étoile de Hollande for its velvet red blooms and gorgeous scent. Mind you, Madame Isaac Pereire smells at least as fine, and Dublin Bay (Macdub) is easily as rich in colour, although none's more elegant than Constance Spry, except perhaps Madame Grégoire Staechelin, but the abundance of Kiftsgate outdoes them all, and the subtly changing colours of Alchymist are hard to beat, aren't they? Hmm, you did say just one favourite, didn't you?

Albert Mondar | Montreal • Horticulturist, garden designer, writer, television host:

My own garden doesn't have enough sun for roses and, as a garden designer, I'm not too keen on them. Many of my clients ask for roses but are rarely willing to spray them with pesticides, fertilize often and put imposing winter protection on them. My advice to those who truly want trouble- and hassle-free roses is to plant plastic ones!

Charlie Dobbin | Richmond Hill, Ont. • Owner, Garden Solutions by Charlie Dobbin

This is like trying to choose a favourite child! But if I have to, I choose Bonica rose (R. Meidomonac). It's a rose-pink dependable bloomer, disease resistant, slightly fragrant, grows in a manageable way and doesn't require any special winter protection. It also never argues, asks for the car or stays out all night!

Wilf Nicholls | St. John's • Director, Botanical Garden Memorial University of Newfoundland:

One favourite rose? There are 20,000 of them out there! There's the heady fragrance of Hansa (a rugosa selection), the pink hue of the western wild rose Rosa woodsii in the Alberta foothills, the towering Kiftsgate (R. filipes Kiftsgate) climbing up a huge Douglas fir, or the proud The Queen Elizabeth, a floribunda from the '50s. I can't pick one!

Jim Hole | St. Albert, Alta. • Co-owner, Hole's Greenhouses

My pick is the delightfully fragrant, snowy white Marie Bugnet, hybridized in 1963 by amateur, but very successful, plant breeder George Bugnet, who lived just a few kilometres from our farm. Named after his mother, who likely sanctioned its moniker — with one caveat: "As long as it doesn't have big hips." It doesn't. In fact, it develops no hips at all.

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"Redbor" kale.

Notable plant

Redbor Kale

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–LORRAINE FLANIGAN

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Attracting beautiful birds to your yard easier than you think

GARDEN For many gardeners, having songbirds visit is one of the benefits of having a garden in the first place. It's always a delight to see the variety of birds that drop by for a nibble or a rest. If you want to create a bird-friendly garden, it's important to attract them with natural sources of food as well as using bird feeders.

Birds have simple needs: Food, water, shelter, and protection from predators. Naturally, native birds thrive on native plants, so choose a selection of regional beauties that produce seeds, berries, or nectar. Work dead trees or old stumps into your landscape to attract insect-eaters and provide shelter. The more diverse your food supply is, the greater variety of birds you'll see in your garden. Also, you can help birds out by placing bird feeders in your yard, filling them with a high-quality seed that is balanced in nutrition like Scotts or Morning Song Wild Bird Food. The type of food you feed attracts different kinds of birds. Smaller seeds like thistle seed attract bright yellow gold finches.

Larger birds like to perch on feeders and eat mixes of seed, with sunflower seeds an all-time favourite, says Syd Pell, who heads up the bird food division at Scotts Canada. "A mixed food will provide a good ratio of nutrients for the birds. We worked with the Toronto Zoo to develop the right mix of seeds to meet the nutritional needs of birds," Pell explains.

In addition to putting out feeders, you can also grow plants that bloom and produce fruit, seeds or nuts — attracting even more birds to your backyard. When possible, use plants that are native to your area. Many perennials, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees provide food for birds.

- Black-Eyed Susan (seeds)
- Common Evening Primrose (seeds)
- Coneflower (seeds)
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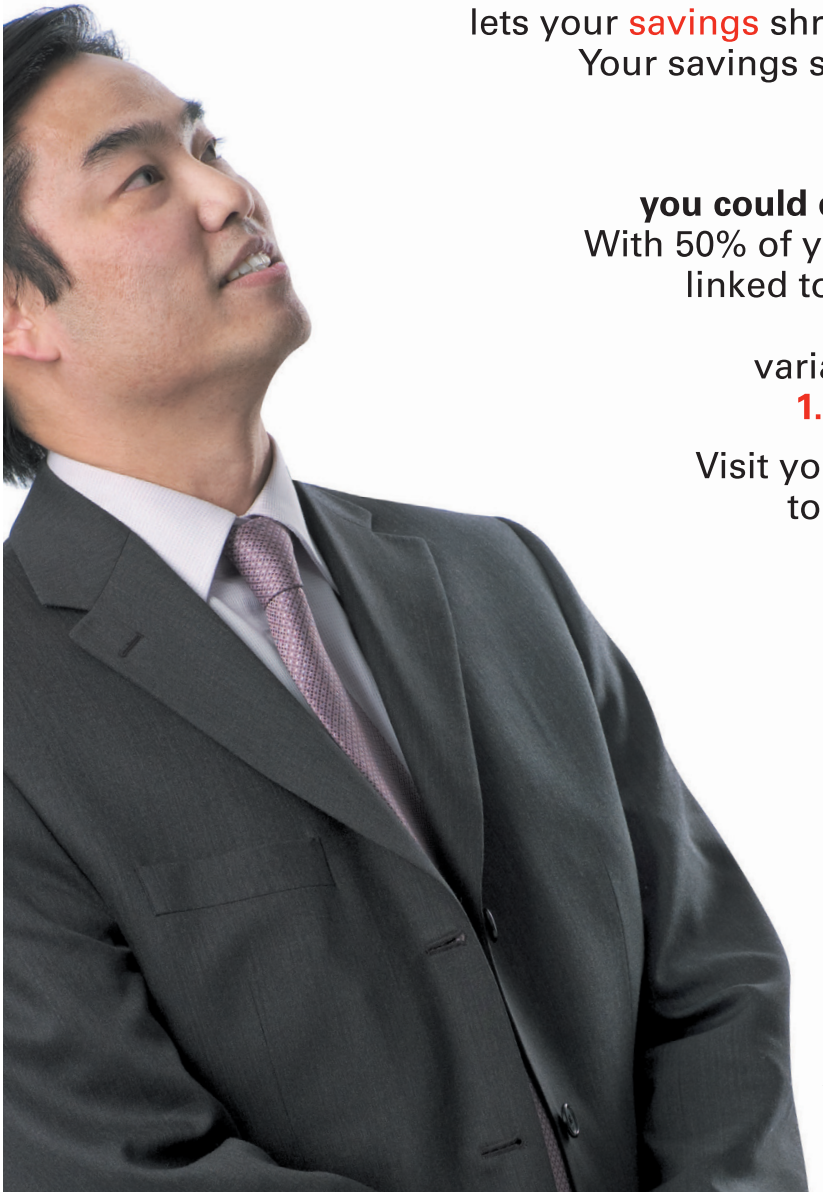

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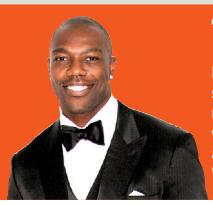
Offsetting the Games

Vancouver Olympic organizers have signed a deal to offset carbon emissions from the 2010 Winter Games. B.C.-based Offsetters will invest in technology such as hydrogen fuel cells to offset 110,000 tonnes of carbon emissions. But the $5-million deal doesn't include an estimated 190,000 tonnes of "indirect" emissions generated by the Games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



T.O.'s house-hunting woes

New Buffalo Bill wide receiver Terrel Owens, left, has apparently run into a snag looking for a place to stay in Buffalo. Tuesday night, Owens posted a message through Twitter.com that he's "tripping about residents" that won't rent an Orchard Park, N.Y. house to him because they "(don't) want any drama (in) their neighborhood!! LOL!!! Wow!!." Real estate agent Bob Wozniak reportedly disputed Owens' complaint. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Wings hope for a healthy Datsyuk

(Detroit leads series 2-1

Detroit at Pittsburgh

Detroit Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk, a finalist for the Hart trophy as NHL MVP, could be fit to play in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals, the defending champions said yesterday.

Datsyuk, who has not played since injuring his foot blocking a shot during the Western Conference final with the Chicago Blackhawks, said he felt good and was keen to get into the lineup against the Pittsburgh Penguins today.

Detroit coach Mike Babcock said the team would wait until after this morning's skate before making a final decision.

"What we'll do is we'll go for the optional skate in the morning and see how he responded today and see how he felt," Babcock told reporters. "He's a Hart Trophy candidate. He's one of the best players in the world.

"Obviously, we'd like to have him. But it's one of those injuries. I thought we needed him the day we lost him against Chicago and I think we've needed him every game since.

"But guys have stepped up, done a real good job and given us an opportunity.

"Just like last night, they gave us a good opportunity and we weren't able to finish." REUTERS

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Detroit' Pavel Datsyuk stretches during the team's practice yesterday for tonight's Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final.

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All for naught without NBA title: Kobe

NBA Final Preview

Orlando at L.A. Lakers

BASKETBALL Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant has enjoyed one of the most rewarding seasons of his career, but he says that would count for nothing if his team fail to win the NBA Finals against the Orlando Magic.

The best-of-seven series starts tonight with Game 1 at Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles with the Western Conference champion Lakers installed as favourites.

"It's been a helluva year, winning a gold medal and making it to the finals last year," Bryant told reporters after the Lakers completed a practice session at Staples Center. "We didn't win, but we gained valuable experience."

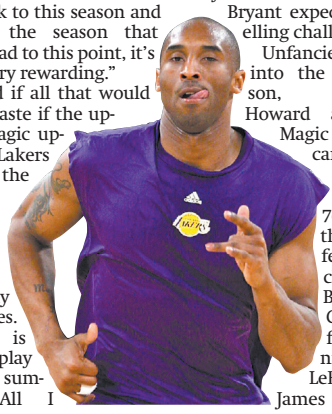
The Lakers were beaten by the Boston Celtics in last year's finals, two months before Bryant and his U.S. team mates won Olympic gold in Beijing with a 118-107 victory over world champions Spain.

"Being on that Olympic team, building the friendships we built there, coming back to this season and having the season that we've had to this point, it's been very rewarding."

Asked if all that would go to waste if the upstart Magic upset the Lakers in the NBA's season finale, Bryant replied: "In my eyes, yes.

"This is what I play for all summer. All I thought about was the Olympics and the gold medal. We were able to accomplish that. My next goal is winning the NBA Championship and we don't want to fall short of that."

Although the Lakers are seeking their 15th NBA title while their opponents are appearing in the finals for only the second time, Bryant expects a gruelling challenge.



Unfancied going into the post-season, Dwight Howard and the Magic overcame the Philadelphia 76ers and the defending champion Boston Celtics before stunning MVP LeBron James and the Cavaliers in six games.

"They've beaten us twice this season and we split with them last year, so they've beaten us three out of the last four times," last year's MVP Bryant said of their recent meetings in the regular season.

"They obviously play extremely well, so we're very, very concerned."

The Lakers' own path to the finals was far from smooth, but Bryant believes the experience has hardened the Western Conference champions.

Los Angeles needed seven games to oust the injury-ravaged Houston Rockets and six to beat the Denver Nuggets in Western finals.

"The mental toughness just comes from all the battles you've had to overcome to get to this point as a team and as a whole," he said.

"We feel good about where we're at right now." REUTERS

Blue Jays thumped by Angels

MLB RESULTS

Los Angeles 8 Toronto 1

BASEBALL Jered Weaver struck out a career-high 10 batters in seven strong innings, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer and drove in four, as the Angels cruised to an 8-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Weaver (5-2) surrendered only one run on three hits and walked two in his start for Los Angeles, which lost the opener of this three-game series on Tuesday after Toronto's Roy Halladay struck out a career-high 14 in a complete game effort.

But the Angels responded Wednesday with 13 hits, seven of which went for extra bases. Chone Figgins had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in one in the victory.

Casey Janssen (1-2) took the loss after giving up five runs on seven hits in four innings. Adam Lind had a pair of doubles as part of a three-hit game for the Blue Jays, who have lost two of three overall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison has decided to retire after 15 seasons in the NFL. Harrison spent the last six seasons with New England after playing his first nine years with San Diego. He won a pair of Super Bowl titles with the Patriots.

BASKETBALL Cleveland's LeBron James has been released from the Cleveland Clinic after undergoing successful surgery Tuesday to remove a benign growth near the right side of his jaw. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada up by six spots
FIFA released its latest world rankings yesterday and Canada's men's national team climbed six places to No. 83 after its 1-0 win over Cyprus. European champion Spain celebrated a year at No. 1 while the Netherlands climbed to second. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tiger beats the Golden Bear

GOLF Tiger Woods gave the fans a perfect warm-up for this week's Memorial tournament, playing alongside golfing great Jack Nicklaus before winning Wednesday's Skins Game with a dramatic chip-in.

After holing a clutch 12-foot par putt at the last to extend the eight-man competition, Woods coolly sealed victory by holing out from 25 yards in the closest-to-the-pin chipping contest at the 18th.

"That was nice," the American world No. 1 told reporters at a wet Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Watched by huge galleries on a rainy day at Muirfield Village, Woods played with tournament host Nicklaus, 69, for the first time since the opening two rounds of the 2000 U.S. PGA Championship.

Despite struggling to reach some of the fairways in the damp conditions, Nicklaus sparked loud roars from the fans when he won two skins on the par-five 11th after hitting an eight-iron to four feet to set up a birdie. REUTERS

MATT SULLIVAN/REUTERS

Tiger Woods, right, and the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus, laugh at the Memorial Skins Game yesterday.

More ammo for Balsillie in bid to move Coyotes

Billionaire Jim Balsillie is giving himself more to boast about, commissioning a poll that shows lots of people love the idea of an NHL team in Hamilton, while few in southern Ontario have anything bad to say about Balsillie and his bid to move the Phoenix Coyotes.

Balsillie's PSE Sports and Entertainment — the company he set up to buy the Coyotes — is expected to release the results of the poll today.

The survey, obtained by the Toronto Star last night, showed:

- 94 per cent of southern Ontarians agree the team would be good for local business.
- 88 per cent agree the team would have a positive impact on the economy.
- 83 per cent believe a Hamilton entry in the NHL would be good for the league.
- 77 per cent support Balsillie's bid.

The polling was conducted by Pollara Inc., May 11–14 — the week after Balsillie announced his bid to buy the team. The company, which conducted 750 one-on-one phone interviews, says its results are considered accurate within plus or minus 3.1 per cent 19 times out of 20.

The poll is the latest manoeuvre in Balsillie's full-throttle public relations blitz designed to put pressure on the NHL to let him buy the franchise and move it to Hamilton.

Other PR moves include starting a website devoted to signing up fans favouring a team, lining up sponsorship and releasing details — via court documents — of items like team relocation requests that in the normal course of business would be kept private.

The Balsillie camp and those allied with Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes fear the NHL will turn down Balsillie's application to become an owner and their co-application to move the team to Hamilton. A hearing will be held July 9 in U.S. bankruptcy court on the matter of relocation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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305-game winner Glavine released

BASEBALL The Atlanta Braves made a couple of stirring moves yesterday, first releasing 305-game winner Tom Glavine, only a day after he pitched six scoreless innings in a rehab start, and then acquiring centre fielder Nate McLouth from the Pittsburgh Pirates for three prospects.

Glavine had elbow and shoulder surgery last year and had not pitched for the Braves at all in 2009, suffering a setback earlier this season during a rehab assignment.

He inked a $1 million contract with the Braves in February and he would have received another $1 million when he was added to the 25-man roster.

"I think when we contemplated signing Tommy (Glavine) ... it was with the idea he'd be our fifth starter and ... he hasn't progressed enough," general manager Frank Wren said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Serena out as French Open upsets continue

TENNIS A new name will be engraved on the French Open women's trophy after a courageous Svetlana Kuznetsova exacted sweet revenge on Serena Williams to reach the last four.

Williams had been the last former champion left standing at Roland Garros and Kuznetsova, who rolled her ankle in the second set, handed the American second seed a 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 defeat yesterday.

The Russian world No. 7 will face doubles specialist Samantha Stosur after the Australian expelled Romanian high school student Sorana Cirstea with a 6-1, 6-3 victory to reach her first major semi-final.

The other semi will be contested between world No. 1 Dinara Safina and Slovak 20th seed Dominika Cibulkova.

"In the third I had an opportunity and I got really tight, and I pretty much gave it to her," said Williams, the 2002 champion, who had a 5-1 record over Kuznetsova going into the match.

"It was like, 'Here, do you want to go to the semis? Because I don't'. She was like, 'OK'." REUTERS

CHARLES PLATIAU/REUTERS

Serena Williams follows through on a shot during her 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 quarter-final loss to Svetlana Kuznetsova yesterday at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris, France.

Sports in brief

NHL The Colorado Avalanche began their rebuilding process in a major way yesterday, firing head coach Tony Granato and naming Greg Sherman general manager. The NHL club sacked Granato and five other members of the hockey operations staff after the team boasted its worst record since moving from Quebec to Denver in 1995.

FOOTBALL Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook will reportedly be out until the start of the regular season due to a nagging ankle injury. Comcast SportsNet reports that the two-time Pro Bowl selection will see ankle specialist Dr. Mark Myerson in Baltimore and may need a procedure to clean out bone spurs in the ankle.

BOXING David Haye has pulled out of his world heavyweight title fight with IBF and WBO champion Wladimir Klitschko because of an injury. The British fighter had been scheduled to challenge Klitschko before a crowd of more than 60,000 at Schalke's football stadium in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on June 20. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A new online resource is helping busy women bring order and ease to weekly meal planning and grocery shopping: It's called "The Eat Sheet" and it's free. Parenting site MommyTrackd.com offers the download mommytrackd.com/downloads. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

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Spin it

Rinse in several changes of water and spin dry in a salad spinner.

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Grazing on greens

Some of the first greens are showing up at local markets

À **la** carte

Barb Holland

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Fresh and light

Check your market for some local spring produce — there are countless ways to dress a salad.

A variety of greens are one of the first crops at the market: Lettuces, spinach, arugula and watercress. These tender greens tend to be delicate and supple in texture and provide variety, flavour and texture to salads.

More mature greens, dandelion, mustard, chard, kale and the like, will come along in a few weeks and they generally need cooking. Mature greens tend to have large, tough leaves. If you break off a piece and chew it, it will be leathery. Some mature greens, such as dandelion and mustard, will be unpleasantly bitter even if they are not especially tough. Mature greens should be blanched by steaming or boiling briefly in water before cooking them.

Simple Spring Salad with Maple Glazed Nuts

Look for locally grown arugula and watercress for a peppery punch. The sweetness of the maple-glazed pecans contrasts nicely with the bitterness of some greens and the sharpness of Asiago cheese. Asiago is a good grating cheese, so buy a piece and use a cheese shaver for attractive pieces. Makes four servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups (1.5 L) mixed lettuce greens
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) pecan halves
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) maple syrup

Dressing:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper
- 1 oz (30 g) Asiago cheese, shaved

METHOD:

Wash greens and spin dry. Wrap in clean tea towel in plastic bag, or store greens in salad spinner in refrigerator until needed.

Place pecans in large dry skillet over medium heat. Stir a few minutes until fragrant. Stir maple syrup into nuts and cook a few minutes or until well coated and syrup is absorbed into nuts. Transfer to parchment-lined plate to cool. Before serving, break any pecans apart that stick together.

For dressing, whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and pepper, cover and refrigerate until serving.

To serve, re-whisk and toss greens with dressing. Arrange on plates and top each salad with pecans and shaved cheese.

TIPS:

- Dark green cruciferous vegetables, such as arugula, kale, collards, kohlrabi, mustard greens and watercress are members of the Brassica family and are packed with folate, vitamins E and C and minerals such as potassium, calcium and iron.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Join the club

Looking for a challenge this summer? (And I'm not talking about keeping up with the yard work.) How does grape collecting sound?

Thanks to Steve De Long, all you have to do is download his mega list of varietals, check off at least 100 that you've tasted and you can become a member of The Wine Century Club.

Only 590 people (including yours truly) have had the juice of the required number of grapes (and you can count blends) in their mouths. De Long says that he only hears from about three per cent of all the eager imbibers who get his list. He sends those that make the grade a snazzy certificate for their efforts.

If you're looking to get started, try these two back deck whites perfect for warm weather sipping and made with some unique pieces of fruit. **Ironstone Vineyard's 2006 Obsession ($14.95 - $16.99)** is a Californian that gets its soft, tropical personality from the Symphony grape.

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Join the club at winecentury.com.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Local **Savour**

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Langano combination platters, $14.5-$15

Mark the last Tuesday of each month on your calendar, because Edmonton's staple Ethiopian eatery plays host to an all-you-can-eat vegetarian buffet for $14.99 per person. No reservations: First come, first served.

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A free spirit approach

By **ANNE BRODIE**
Contributing Writer

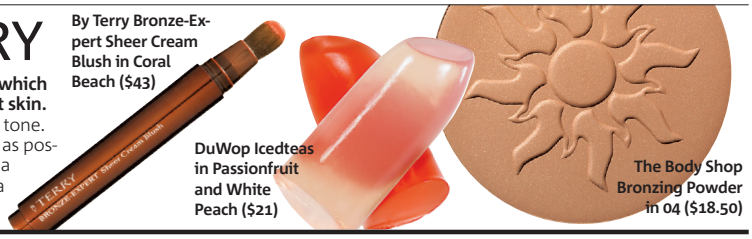
In her latest film, Easy Virtue, Jessica Biel plays Larita, a feisty American divorcee who is seen as a "gold digger from the land of opportunists."
While her co-stars in this frothy British period piece didn't see her in that light, the 27-year-old American actress says that she could relate to her character's struggle to blend in with a well-heeled, upper-crust world.
"I felt like a fish out of water, but it was so helpful," says Biel, who enjoyed a middle-class upbringing in Boulder, Colo. "We just kind of exploited that. Anytime I was feeling uncomfortable, the director rolled the cameras!"

The film, which opens this month, is set in the late 1920s and based on a social comedy by Noel Coward that pokes fun at snooty English high society and, at a deeper social level, exposes how American entrepreneurial zeal was overshadowing Britain's imperialism. Larita, who is a race-car driver, represents the brave new world crashing into the old when she marries British aristocrat John Whittaker (Ben Barnes). When the pair arrive at the Whittaker family pile, John's father (Colin Firth) is charmed by Larita's spirited ways, but his mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) is horrified.

For Biel, starring in Easy Virtue was a career-enhancing move. "It was exactly what I was looking for, something I could throw myself into where everyone is expecting me to fail," Biel told the British press. "I knew I could do it. That's the joy of this business: shaking it up — surprising myself, surprising everybody else."

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Take your summer inspiration from the Hermès runway, which showed a pared-down beauty look, with a focus on great skin.
The trick is to choose makeup shades that match your skin tone. Start with concealer to hide imperfections, but use as little as possible to let your skin show through. Get a warm glow with a sweep of sheer bronzer or tawny blush. Try brown mascara for a softer look, and finish with a sophisticated nude lip.



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ROMAN GLORY

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Avedon: Fashion 1944-2000

PHOTO FINISH

Richard Avedon's humanity is the most striking feature of Avedon: Fashion 1944–2000, with essays by Carol Squiers, Vince Aletti and Philippe Garner. Instead of shooting models as if they were inanimate props draped with clothing, Avedon was the first photographer to capture them as living, breathing individuals with attitudes and emotions. The other theme in this collection — focusing on nearly six decades of work in Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Egoïste and The New Yorker — documents the photographer's collaborative spirit with models, stylists and designers as he pushed the boundaries from fashion to art.

Editors' Pick

STARLET STYLE

Red resin and black stone earrings ($40, House of Harlow 1960)

Nicole Richie's resumé may be peripatetic — reality-TV star, novelist, wild child, mother — but her sense of personal style is unswerving. No surprise, then, that Richie launched a jewellery line, House of Harlow 1960, this spring that will expand to include clothing accessories next year. "I've always loved jewellery, but I didn't know anything about designing," explains Richie. "I was inspired by African and Indian jewellery books; I wanted the pieces to have a vintage but cultured feel." Does Richie, a mainstay on the best-dressed list, have any fashion advice? "Always wear a ton of jewellery at once," she says firmly. "I designed all the pieces so that they can be layered" (at Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com).

Jamieson Electrolyte +C ($20 for 30 packages)

DRINKING GAME

If you're feeling parched post-workout, knocking back a bottle of Fiji alone won't suffice. To top up electrolytes (minerals like magnesium and potassium that help cells function) lost through perspiration, try mixing Jamieson Electrolyte + C powder with your water. A low-cal alternative (only nine calories compared to the 200-plus found in many sports drinks), it also delivers five times the daily recommended dose of vitamin C.

Bond on a stick

Del Monte Superfruit Smoothies has sculpted a limited edition popsicle in the shape of Daniel Craig's nude torso. The frozen treat is the result of a poll of women, the majority of whom wanted the image of Craig, emerging from the water in Casino Royale, immortalized. EW.COM

Entertainment

Ready for Much

Black Eyed Peas, Classified (left), and Rise Against are among the newest performers who will appear at the 2009 MuchMusic Video Awards, co-hosted by the Jonas Brothers, on June 21. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Phoenix delivers dance-rock gem

Phoenix

Album: Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix
Label: Glass Note
Rating: ●●●½

PHOENIX HAS DONE it. The breakdowns, rock-instruments-as-rhythm-machines and synthesizer vocals of the band's past albums have meshed into a near-perfect expression of dance-rock. Singer Thomas Mars uses words like piano keys, seemingly chosen for cadence and rhythm over meaning (maybe one reason the Frenchman sings in English). Stitched deep into a bed of warm, rolling percussion and analog bass, they mimic the arrangements of the band's French house pedigree. Influences from Daft Punk (and former bandmate) Thomas Bangalter and Philippe Zdar from Cassius (who produced the album) also pop up in the funky bassline in Fences and the sparkling builds of Love Like a Sunset, Parts I and II. I challenge anyone to listen to Lisztomania and 1901 back-to-back and not start headnodding.

Rob McMahon/for Metro Canada

Phoenix has created a near-perfect expression of dance-rock.

Vanessa Williams

Album: The Real Thing
Label: Concord/Universal
Rating: ●●●

AMERICA'S FAVOURITE BEAUTY queen gracefully enters middle age by caressing the candlelight-and-wine set. Vanessa Williams' fans fall into three categories — the ones who remember the Penthouse pictures and her fall from grace 25 years ago as the first black Miss America, the ones who remember her stunning comeback as an R&B singer and the ones who now know her as Wilhelmina on TV's Ugly Betty. This album is for the oldsters who still keep her centrefold tucked under their mattress. It's filled with sultry renditions of '60s and '70s jazz, pop and Latin standards. Backed by lush orchestration, Williams' voice handles the material surprisingly well.

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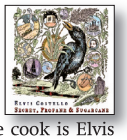
Elvis Costello

Album: Secret, Profane & Sugarcane
Label: Hear/Universal
Rating: ●●●



RECORDING AN ALBUM in three days should be a recipe for disaster, but not when the cook is Elvis Costello. Here, he teams up with T Bone Burnett to create a barn-burning acoustic set of Americana complete with copious amounts of slide guitar and banjo picking. While there are some great tunes with tracks from his Hans Christian Anderson opera, a Bing Crosby cover and a new version of Complicated Shadows, it is a bit all over the place.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Eels

Album: Hombre Lobo: 12 Songs of Desire
Label: Vagrant/Universal
Rating: ●●●

THE EELS didn't disappear after Novocain for The Soul, an MTV hit 13 years ago. The group's ninth record follows a half wolf, half man character first introduced to fans on 2001's Dog Face Boy. Now, the boy is an adult, dealing with loneliness, love and heartache — all emotive stuff wrapped in the band's swaggering alt-rock sheen. The disc is full of both loud, infectious tunes and soft, introspective numbers.

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Justin **Hines**

Album: Chasing Silver
Label: Orange/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

JUSTIN HINES is the little guy from Newmarket, Ont., with the big voice now being featured on the Ontario tourism commercials. (Why don't those ads ever tell you who the artist is?) Chasing Silver is a collection of wonderfully crafted folk songs that reach back into the early '70s era of the singer-songwriter. The 11 original tracks here are filled with musical references to James Taylor, Jim Croce and Carole King.

There are times on this album, especially on tracks like While You Are Out There, when Hines' voice is eerily reminiscent of Cat Stevens, circa Tea For The Tillerman. That kind of charming folk music has been gaining a new audience from young, retro-mining fans. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Hines' outstanding cover of Peter Gabriel's Salisbury Hill will draw a lot of new fans to his music.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Dave **Matthews Band**

Album: Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●●

THE GROOGRUZ KING is the nickname of Dave Matthews Band sax virtuoso LeRoi Moore who died last year in a tragic ATV accident on his Virginia farm. Luckily, Moore's presence is strongly preserved throughout this dynamic album that will serve to keep the Dave Matthews Band at the forefront of innovative American rock for years to come. It's steeped in the Mardi Gras tradition of New Orleans while providing a showcase for DMB's mutiple instrumental talents. There is an urgency to the vocals of Matthews and the playing of Stefan Lessard (bass), Carter Beauford (drums) and Boyd Tinsley (violin) that may have been lacking on previous DMB studio efforts. This is a band that can still turn on a dime as well, or better, than any in the business.

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Daniel Baldwin replacing celeb couple
Daniel Baldwin is jetting to the jungles of Costa Rica to replace newlyweds Heidi and Spencer Pratt on I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vardalos rebounds in Life in Ruins

Movie **feature**

Nia Vardalos couldn't resist adding a shout-out to her fellow Canadians in her new movie, My Life in Ruins.

"Once a Canadian, always a Canadian," quipped the Winnipeg-born writer-actress, whose 2002 debut My Big Fat Greek Wedding came out of nowhere to earn more than $241 million US.

In the romcom My Life in Ruins, Vardalos plays a Greek-American college prof who retreats to Athens to work as a tour guide to find her lost kefi — Greek for mojo.

My Life in Ruins hits theatres tomorrow

Over the phone from her Los Angeles home, Vardalos says one exchange she penned for the movie was inspired by a scenario she faced a lot when she first moved to California: Americans consider Canada to be the 51st state, something that's guaranteed to rile any True North resident.

Ever a polite Canuck, the 46-year-old refused to take a screenwriting credit on My Life in Ruins.

"I asked permission from the writer (The Simpsons Movie's Mike Reiss) to add the Canadian stuff, but I didn't want a credit. That's gross," says Vardalos, sounding appalled at the mere suggestion.

Such is the down-to-earth style that made moviegoers fall for Vardalos's autobiographical tale of her wedding to a non-Greek. (She and spouse Ian Gomez wed in 1993.)

Vardalos was on top of the world when Greek Wedding hit it big, the culmination of a Hollywood fairy tale that began with actor-spouses Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson investing in the project, which was based on a stage show written by Vardalos. Nominations for an Oscar and a Golden Globe followed.

Nia Vardalos in a scene from My Life in Ruins.

(Hanks and Wilson are back on board for My Life in Ruins. Wilson also has a small role.)

Things then got bumpy for Vardalos. A 2003 TV show based on the movie lasted only a handful of episodes. Connie and Carla, a Vardalos penned Some Like It Hot-style gals-on-the-run flick, co-starring Toni Collette, did mediocre box office and got lukewarm reviews.

Vardalos all but disappeared. "I lost my mojo for a while, yeah," she says. "I was very clear. I chose to step back and grieve a personal situation of being at the end of a 10-year fertility battle."

"I lost my mojo for a while. I was very clear. I chose to step back and grieve a personal situation."
Nia Vardalos

Vardalos talks quickly and pointedly; she's obviously made the speech to reporters before. The message comes through clearly: she'll offer a bit of information, nothing more. "It was happening to me at 32. All during the success of My Big Fat Greek Wedding, it was this."

She politely refuses to say if she and Gomez tried in vitro fertilization or fertility drugs. Last year they did start a family, when the couple adopted a three-year-old daughter. Although Vardalos won't allow the child to be photographed or her name made public, "I do understand all this happened to me so that I could use my big mouth to talk about foster adoption," she quips. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Jamie's Ministry of Food
Chef Jamie Oliver returns to what some might call the scene of the crime in this new series. His efforts to improve the school food in the English town of Rotherham weren't received well; however, he's trying again with a campaign to get the people of Rotherham — whose takeout consumption is among England's highest — hooked on cooking. It won't be easy, but getting people to eat better is something Jamie is passionate about, so he's giving it all he's got. 7 PM on FOOD

Ghost World
Daniel Clowes adapted his acclaimed graphic novel for "Crumb" director Terry Zwigoff's hilarious and poignant 2001 study in alienation. It focuses on a summer in the lives of quirky teens Enid and Rebecca (Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson), whose relationship undergoes a strain after a lonely vintage-record collector (Steve Buscemi) enters their lives. Brad Renfro ("The Client") co-stars. 10:30 PM on TOON

Hirsch takes on modern Hamlet

FILM Emile Hirsch will play Hamlet in a modern take on the Bard's play that the actor helped to conceive. Twilight and Thirteen director Catherine Hardwicke, who worked with Hirsch on Lords of Dogtown, will helm the project for Liberty Media-owned studio Overture Films.

Jesse James sets Spike TV record

SHOW Jesse James' new stunt series is alive and kicking on Spike TV, with a premiere episode that set new ratings records for the cable network. Jesse James Is a Dead Man debuted Sunday night at 10 p.m. and drew two million viewers — including 900,000 among the network's target demographic of men 18-49. REUTERS

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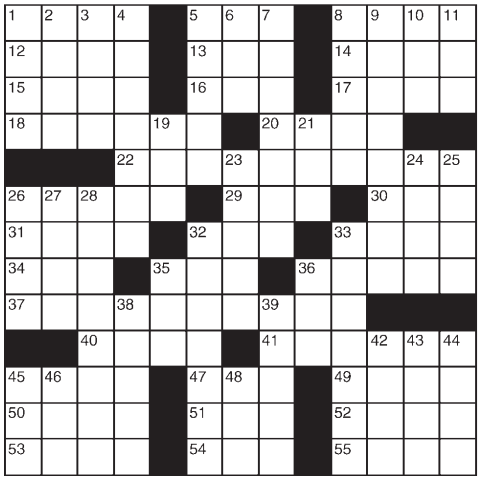

Crossword across

1 Read quickly
5 The whole shebang
8 Eastern potentate
12 Author Morrison
13 Halloween shout
14 Easter emblem
15 Winged
16 Early bird?
17 Gilligan's home
18 Bicycle-seat style
20 Restaurant chain acronym
22 "Dilbert" or "Garfield"
26 Face-to-face exams
29 Cistern
30 Altar affirmative
31 Jackknife, for one
32 Crony
33 Had more than a hunch
34 Female deer
35 Roscoe
36 Falafel holders
37 Meccas for shoppers
40 Break suddenly
41 Pearl's home
45 $50, in Monopoly
47 Sportage maker
49 Black-and-white treat
50 Lotion additive
51 Charged bit
52 Sensed
53 Proper bloke
54 Greek consonants
55 Admit, with "up"

Crossword down

1 Impale
2 Caffeine-rich nut
3 — instant
4 Sainthood prerequisite
5 Perpendicular to the keel
6 Journal
7 Sane
8 "Cats" inspirer
9 Typo
10 Ailing
11 Pumpernickel alternative
19 Ph. bk. data
21 DDE predecessor
23 Ex of The Donald
24 Notion
25 Hogan's Heroes group
26 Probabil-ity
27 Laugh-a-minute
28 Distaste
32 Cinderella's coach, really
33 Casual dismissal
35 Coll. transcript stat
36 Thickness
38 Cove
39 Bank transactions
42 Genealogy chart
43 Morays, e.g.
44 Deteriorates
45 Satchel
46 Hearty brew
48 Debtor's letters

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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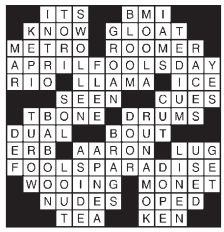
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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6	5	1	7	3	2	4	9	8
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8	7	9	3	2	6	1	5	4
3	1	2	5	8	4	9	7	6
4	6	5	9	1	7	3	8	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Tomato and Pecorino Clafoutis

INGREDIENTS:
2 tsp (10 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 lb (500 g) cherry tomatoes
4 tbsp (60 ml) snipped fresh chives
3/4 cup (175 ml) coarsely grated sharp pecorino cheese
6 extra large eggs
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
3 tbsp (45 ml) sour cream
1-1/4 cup (300 ml) 2% milk

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Lightly grease 4 shallow ovenproof dishes, each 5 to 6 in. (13 to 15 cm) in diameter. Divide cherry tomatoes among dishes, spreading them out. Sprinkle with chives and all but 1 tbsp (15 ml) of cheese.
2. Break eggs into bowl and whisk. Slowly whisk in flour until smooth. Add sour cream, then gradually whisk in milk for thin, smooth batter. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Pour batter over tomatoes, dividing evenly between dishes. Sprinkle remaining cheese and an extra grinding of pepper over. Bake until set, puffed and lightly golden, 30 to 35 minutes.
4. Remove clafoutis from oven and leave to cool for few minutes before serving, because tomatoes are very hot inside.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

sallybrompton.com

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Today you will be even more forceful and focused on your work than usual, but try to remember not everyone is as driven as you are to succeed.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
It pays to follow your hunches and today you won't hesitate to take advantage of what, to your mind, looks like the opportunity of a lifetime.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't let others order you around, not even if they have something that you want and you think the best way to get it is to be nice to them.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your biggest failing at the moment seems to be your impatience, but today you have every reason to move things along as fast as you can.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23
There's no point trying to persuade friends and colleagues that your way of looking at life is the best. Maybe it is, but that won't change them.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22
The important thing today is to make sure you spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of other people.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be careful what you say and do today; a profitable relationship could end if you go beyond what others consider to be acceptable behaviour.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22
If you are the kind of Scorpio who is impetuous then today you'll likely go way over the top. Chances are you'll get away with it.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21
Something shiny and new will catch your eye today and you'll want it no matter how much it might cost, but keep your cash in your pocket.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20
Bold decisions will come easily to you today, but you won't know for sure if they're good decisions until tomorrow, so make sure you can back out.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18
By now it should be obvious you've taken a wrong turn. What are you going to do about it? Ignoring it is not an option.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may be having second thoughts about a plan of some kind but there is too much momentum behind it to stop it now.

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Lad's playthings (1)
2. Far-from-thin building block (1)
3. Arouse resentment in an Athenian (1)
4. Extra-extra-large-size okra stew (2)
5. War horses' lineages (1)
6. Giving heed to revving up an old watch (2)
7. Actress Michelle's secret-code messages (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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ANSWERS
1. BOYS TOYS 2. THICK BRICK 3. PIQUE GREEK 4. JUMBO GUMBO 5. STEEDS BREEDS 6. MINDING WINDING 7. PFEIFFERS CIPHERS

6-4-09

This day in history

JUNE 4, 781 BC: The first historic solar eclipse is recorded in China.
JUNE 4, 1760: Great Upheaval — New England planters arrive to claim land in Nova Scotia taken from the Acadians.
JUNE 4, 1792: Captain George Vancouver claims Puget Sound for Great Britain.
JUNE 4, 1939: Holocaust — The SS St. Louis, a ship carrying 963 Jewish refugees, is denied permission to land in Florida, after already being turned away from Cuba. Forced to return to Europe, many of its passengers later died in Nazi concentration camps.

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Celebrity Buzz

Kate plays A-Rod's Band Aid?

GIRLFRIEND NOT GROUPIE Kate Hudson and Alex Rodriguez were spotted getting cozy last month at a restaurant in New York City, and now a source confirms they are dating, people.com reports.

"It's somewhat serious," the source tells People in its upcoming issue. "He introduced her to a bunch of his friends."

Hudson followed Rodriguez on the road late last month to Dallas, when the Yankees played the Texas Rangers in a three-game series. The actress and son Ryder, 5, stayed at the same hotel as Rodriguez, and the couple "worked out together in the fitness centre," said an eyewitness.

For one of the games, she sent Ryder and his nanny to the ballpark while she "stayed behind and watched the game from the hotel," adds the eyewitness. "She remarked several times about what a big baseball fan she is."

Will their relationship last past the season? Another source said it's too early to tell: "You never know with Kate."

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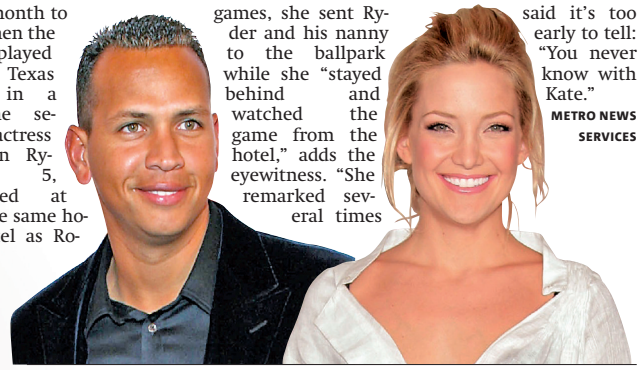

Anne's musical ambitions

SERENADE Anne Hathaway taught herself how to play the guitar — so she can serenade her boyfriend, actor Adam Shulman, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress learned to play The Beatles' Blackbird as a special birthday present for Shulman, who turned 28 in April.

Hathaway, 26, showed off her skills on Monday when she was challenged by Late Night host Jimmy Fallon to play something for the audience.

She said, "I know how to play two songs, Blackbird and this other song. I learned this off the Internet, literally learned from YouTube lessons."

"I am almost done with the first one! So I learned this song, I got the chords online but I'm not very good at it."

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Jennie's heart problems

HEALTH ISSUES Though afflicted with a heart ailment, Jennie Garth leads a normal life, the actress' husband, Twilight star Peter Facinelli, tells People.

"My wife has a leaky valve, which is pretty common. A lot of people have a leaky valve and they don't even know that they have it," Facinelli, 35, said. "But there's really nothing you can do for it, so you just leave it alone."

People.com says some reports misconstrued the story by claiming Garth, 37, suffers from heart disease. Facinelli said. "I don't know how that happened. I was sitting at home with her, and I saw a ticker tape on the news that said, 'Jennie Garth has heart disease.' I said, 'Honey, you didn't tell me.' But no, she's fine. She's fine."

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Chace has big shoes to fill: Kyra

SUPPORTIVE WIFE One hot topic in Kyra Sedgwick's family is the casting of her husband Kevin Bacon's role of Ren McCormack in the remake of Footloose, people.com reports.

"It's that Chace Crawford guy, right?" said Sedgwick. "We met him at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Kevin and he had a chat. He's very sweet," but adds, "He has big shoes to fill!"

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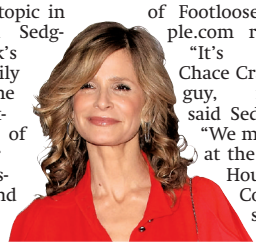

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Celebrity Buzz

Townies have no love for Kate

BAD FIRST IMPRESSIONS According to several fellow vacationers, Kate Gosselin didn't pay her eight kids much attention on their getaway to Bald Head Island, N.C., when the camera crew wasn't around — even though she pulled twin daughters Madelyn and Cara, 8, out of school for the trip, us-magazine.com reports. Between texting on her phone and allegedly hudding with her bodyguard Steve Neild (with whom husband Jon once feared she was having an affair), "she completely ignored her children the entire time," fellow vacationer Ann Michele Sweeney tells the newest issue of Us Weekly.

"When Kate sat on the edge of the pool, she told one of (the twins), 'If you splash me, you're dead meat,'" Sweeney said. "She was not joking at all."

Another vacationer, Kim Kirsch, tells Us that "Everyone that's encountered her says she's been rude, mean and hateful."

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It just hasn't been Eminem's week, has it?

CAN'T CATCH A BREAK It's been a rough week for Eminem. First he was the butt of Sacha Baron Cohen's joke at the MTV Movie Awards, then the next night he had thousands of dollars worth of items stolen from his L.A. hotel room, including a $60,000 US diamond necklace and his personal laptop, according to Gatecrasher.

So it's no wonder that at a charity event on Monday, the rapper wasn't exactly up to form. "People were pumped to see him, but he wasn't interacting with his fans. His performance was mechanical, without a lot of personality, and people were pretty disappointed," a source said.

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GETTY IMAGES

LeAnn stalking Eddie?

THREE'S A CROWD Eddie Cibrian cut ties with his Lifetime movie costar LeAnn Rimes two months ago — after their steamy affair was exposed — but his wife, Brandi Glanville, tells the new issue of Us Weekly that Rimes can't let go of her obsession with him.

"LeAnn is a stalker," Glanville tells Us. "She refuses to leave us alone — it is shameful and scary. People are going to say it takes two to tango and I get that, but at some point LeAnn needs to stop asking him to dance."

Glanville, a model, alleges that Rimes (who was caught on video sucking Cibrian's finger during a date) intentionally tracked down her husband at a L.A. Lakers game on May 17 — two weeks after he changed his phone number to end her "constant texting and calling."

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Melissa muses: Farrah's death or me on the cover?

SO INSENSITIVE Melissa Joan Hart, who graces this week's People magazine cover to show off her recent weight loss, allegedly wasn't so graceful when talking with friends backstage at a recent KTLA interview.

Hart was reportedly heard saying she hoped Farrah Fawcett wouldn't lose her battle to cancer that week, as it would surely bump Hart off the cover, according to Page Six.

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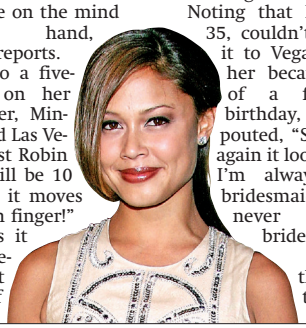
Vanessa drops wedding hint

NO SUBTLETY Memo to Nick Lachey: Vanessa Minnillo has marriage on the mind — and hand, people.com reports.

Pointing to a five-carat ring on her middle finger, Minnillo, 28, told Las Vegas columnist Robin Leach, "It will be 10 carats when it moves to the fourth finger!"

Leach says it was tongue-in-cheek, but in the brief interview, Minnillo mentions marriage three times.



Noting that Lachey, 35, couldn't make it to Vegas with her because he of a friend's birthday, she pouted, "So once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride."

Not that there's a problem, she quickly adds. "This romance is still going strong," she said. "There will always be rumblings and rumours that we've broken up, but in fact, it's very much still on — and it keeps on getting better."

So much so, she says, that "maybe this will be the one time I wind up the bride instead of the bridesmaid."

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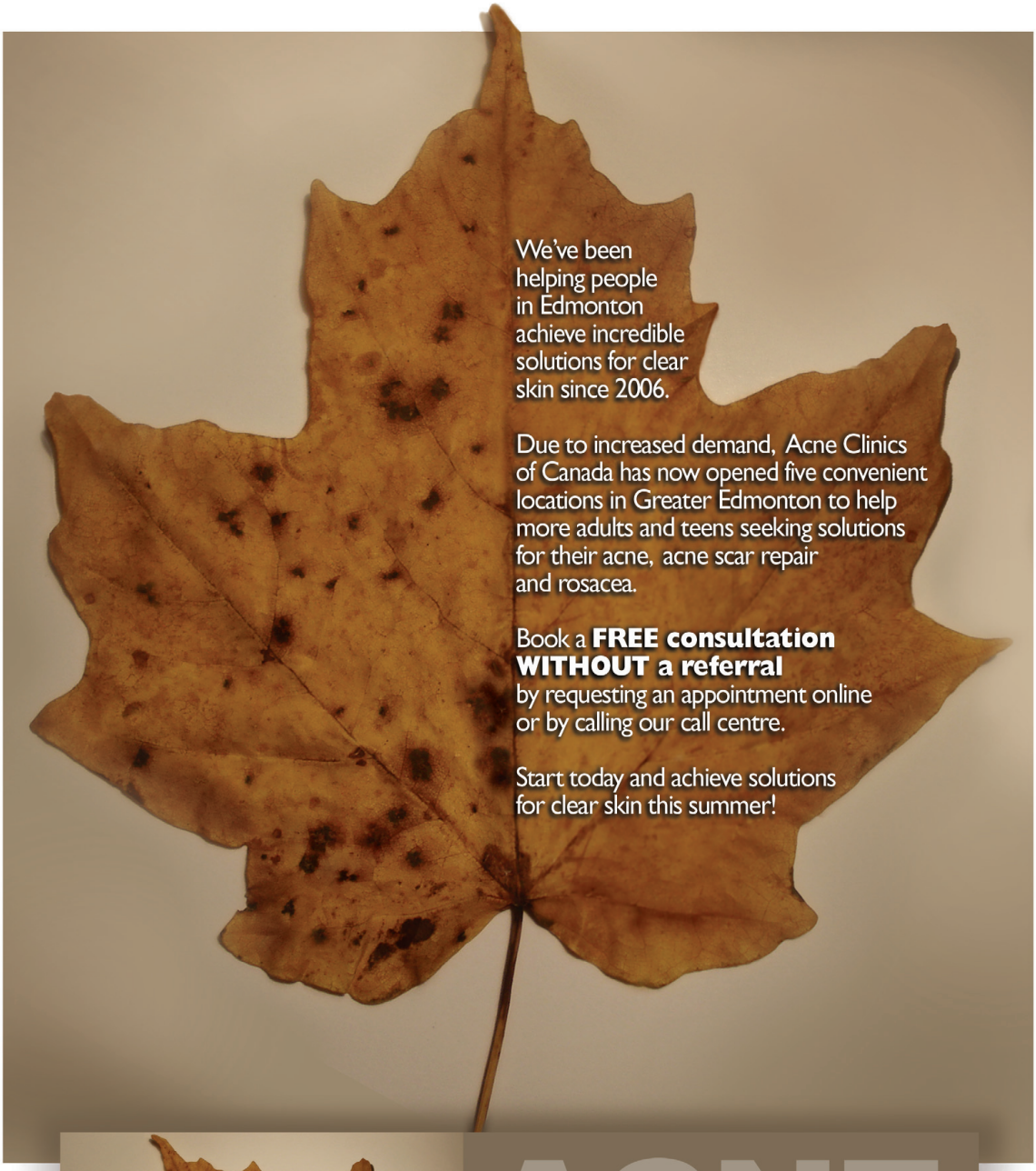

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